

me." And with his dying breath pray the Father to forgive his enemies, who unknowingly have slain the King of glory. All these and many other memories come flooding over our minds as we partake of these emblems instituted on that evening of our Savior's last supper.

And now Jesus has many things to teach his disciples before he leaves. So while their hearts are sad because of the wonderful prophecies of Jesus concerning his own death, he, as we are told by St. John, begins to teach them as they are together in that room. He says, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my fathers house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." Encouraging words indeed to those who had been hoping for a glorious kingdom, but at the previous words of Jesus their hopes had vanished. This ought to have nerved their hopes but they could not comprehend the wonderful statement. But while in this state of mind Jesus informs them that when he is gone he will send the Comforter unto them, and he shall bring all things to their remembrance. After teaching them many noble lessons, encouraging them all he can, he asks them to arise and go hence. They sing a hymn and depart to that memorable garden of Gethsemane, where he experiences the great agony we are told of in the Gospels, and there is seized by wicked men and taken away for trial. Thus was spent the last night of our Savior on earth before his death. And Oh, what sacrifice! What love! May we ever, in sincerity and truth, keep the feast that was here instituted, that when Christ drinks the wine anew in his kingdom, we shall be together with him to enjoy that great marriage supper of the Lamb.

#### THE ONE ALTOGETHER LOVELY.

If you wear the livery of Christ, you will find Jesus so meek and lowly of heart that you will find rest unto your souls. He is the most magnanimous of captains. There never was his like among the choicest of princes. He is always to be found in the thickest part of the battle. When the wind blows cold, he always takes the bleak side of the hill. The heaviest end of the cross lies ever on his shoulders. If he bids us a burden, he carries it also. If there is any which is gracious, generous, kind, and tender, yea, lavish and superabundant in love, you always find it in him. His service is life, peace, joy. Oh, that you would enter on it at once! God help you to enlist under the banner of Jesus Christ!—"Last words of Rev. C. H. Spurgeon."

#### GET ACQUAINTED WITH YOURSELF.

There are many people who have never been really introduced to themselves. They are acquainted with their neighbors, know their weaknesses, faults, frailties, and failings, but as to themselves they are largely in the dark. There are some of them who think themselves wise, while those around them regard them as very foolish. Some believe themselves to be very youthful, while others hold an entirely different opinion. Some consider themselves very agreeable, while in the minds of others their presence would be regarded as a nuisance.

"Know thyself," was the wise inscription in an ancient temple. But he who is to know himself, needs the illumination of the Spirit of God; for so long as self is idolized and reigns supreme, so long a man will never know his deformity. It is only when men deny themselves, and are ready to accept the divine estimate, and confess themselves sinners in the sight of God, that they really know themselves. Then that which was their glory becomes their shame; and instead of vaunting themselves and boasting of their wisdom, their greatness, their goodness, or their works, they abhor themselves, and repent in dust and ashes.

When we once know ourselves, the world puts on a very different aspect. When we see our own emptiness we see the emptiness of all things earthly. God calls us to know Him, and when we know him we shall view the world as he views it, we shall know ourselves as he knows us, and shall be no longer beguiled and deluded by the empty vanities of a deceitful and fading world. And when a man knows himself, his weakness, his sinfulness, and his folly, how tenderly he looks upon others, his brethren in infirmity, who are struggling with sin, and who are often overcome. Then he realizes the wisdom of that divine precept. "If a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness."

If one has erred and gone astray, we may not entrust the work of bringing him back to every careless or zealous soul. They that are spiritual must restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering themselves lest they also be tempted. The skilled hand of Christian love must bind up the wounds which sin has made, and heal the hearts which sin has pierced and broked.

FALSEHOOD is in a hurry; it may be at any moment detected and punished. Truth is calm, serene; its judgment is on high; its king cometh out of the chambers of eternity.—Dr. Joseph Parker.

#### WHAT A PASS-BOOK REVEALED.

A pass-book belonging to a poor man was picked up in the streets of Toledo, Ohio, recently, in which an account was kept of the man's current expenses for himself and family. The items covered a period of two weeks, and amounting in all to \$10.69, of which \$4.39 was for whiskey, beer and "drinks."

From this it can readily be seen that if the man ate his share of the food provided, he and the rum-seller got the greater part of the earnings. Of the sixty-nine entries on the book thirty-two were for liquor, of which whiskey took the lead to the amount of \$2.05, then beer \$1.55, and "drinks" 75c. To offset this, the family had in the same time, \$3.26 worth of flour. There were no luxuries, and thirty-seven cents' worth of herring constituted the "meat-bill."

Comment is unnecessary. Any thinking person can see the bare, cheerless home, the half-starved child, the ill-treated wife, and last and least of all, the brutal, bloated husband. A fearful retribution lies at the door of the poor wretch who, "to satisfy that red-hot blast from hell, when he feels it, will leave his wife to starve and his children to perish." A fearful retribution also lies at the door of the rum-seller, who too lazy to work and earn an honest living, is willing to aid in crushing the manhood, and destroying the life and soul of his fellow-men.

Talk about "overproduction!" If the money spent in intoxicating liquors in this country was expended in purchasing necessary food, clothing, houses and furniture to make our wage-earners and their families comfortable, there would be no men idle who were sober and capable of earning a living; the manufactories would be kept running all the time, and business men would have more interest in paying higher wages through a belief that better use would be made of the same, and that larger means of improvement would be properly appreciated. It is little satisfaction to an employer to raise the wages of his work-men and then observe that most of the increase paid to one-half of the men goes into the till of the saloon-keeper, and that their families are no better off than before.—*The Public Good.*

RICHES, without meekness and thankfulness, do not make any man happy; but riches with them remove many cares and fears. Therefore my advice is, that you endeavor to be honestly rich or contentedly poor; but be sure that your riches be justly obtained or you will spoil all. For it is said: "He that loses his conscience has nothing left that is worth keeping."